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(b) the qualifications of Mr. Barnes for filling this acting vacancy ; and

(c) whether the claims of officers in the Museum were considered for this acting vacancy ?

A.—(a) Mr. Barnes acted as part-time Superintendent of the Museum when Dr. Gravely was on leave in 1923 and in 1927. He is not now acting.

(b) Mr. Barnes is a B.Sc. of the London University and is deeply interested in Botany, which is a subject dealt with in one of the sections of the Museum. His services were of special value in the preparation of a bulletin on the Flora of Madras and its neighbourhood, and also in starting the work connected with the preservation of bronzes in the Museum by chemical treatment.

(c) Yes.

Industries

Supply of water through power drills at Salem.

347 Q.—Subadar-Major S. A. Nanjappa Bahadur : With reference to the speeches made by me on the 25th March 1927 and 2nd March 1928, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether the Government have made any experiment to supply water to ryots through boring system (power drills) at Salem ; if not when they propose to do it ?

A.—No experiments have been made in Salem. An experimental survey of underground water supplies is in progress in the Bellary district. The results of this survey will be awaited before further experiments are undertaken.

STARRED QUESTION

General

Separation of the Oriya-speaking tracts from the Madras Presidency.

*348 Q.—Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the table copies of all statements and figures supplied to the officer deputed by the Government of Bihar and Orissa to the Ganjam district and also to Madras to collect information on the report of the Phillip and Duff Commission regarding the separation of the Oriya-speaking tracts from Madras ?

A.—Certain information including statistics regarding revenue and expenditure in Ganjam district was supplied to the Government of Bihar and Orissa at their request in 1926. Subsequently that Government deputed an officer of their Finance Department to examine these statistics. Assuming that it is to these statistics that the question refers, a copy [a] is laid on the table together with a list of the books and papers (published) that were also sent.

a Printed as Appendix XII on pages 591–595 infra.